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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVE YSRAEL MUSTAFA BERNABE
EXTRADITED TO THE U.S.

¶1. On September 13, 2006, U.S. Marshals returned Ysrael Mustafa Bernabe to the United States for sentencing in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, where he is the subject of indictment number H-95-245, filed October 6, 1995. As detailed in the indictment, Mustafa was charged with: conspiracy to launder monetary instruments (count one) and illegal money laundering (count two). Though Mustafa entered a negotiated guilty plea to the first count of the indictment on February 26, 1996, he ultimately failed to appear for sentencing and fled the jurisdiction.

¶2. Following the issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant based on a U.S. Government request for extradition, Mustafa was apprehended June 5, 2006, by officers of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control's Fugitive Unit. Mustafa challenged his extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court, but was ruled extraditable on August 9, 2006. His extradition was properly confirmed by presidential decree on August 18, 2006.

¶3. Mustafa is the 27th fugitive extradited to the United States during FY-2006 and the 17th extradited during this calendar year.
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